GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS IN MYANMAR BY INDIA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop certain ports in Myanmar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (b): Yes Sir. Government of India proposes to develop Sittwe Port in Myanmar as part of the 'Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project' in Myanmar. The above project has provision for

(i) Construction of Sittwe Port terminal,

(ii) dredging of approach Channel to Sittwe Port and

(iii) providing of buoys in the approach channel.

The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project envisages to connect Mizoram State of North Eastern region with Kolkata / Haldia Ports through coastal route from Kolkata / Haldia to Sittwe Port in Myanmar and then through riverine route up the Kaladan river upto Kaletwa and from there by road to Mizoram. It provides an alternate route for transport of goods to North-East India.